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The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

Please amend the claims as follows:

3. (Amended) The rubber composition of Claim 1, wherein the inorganic powders are at least one kind of inorganic powders selected from the group consisting of clay, aluminum hydroxide, magnesium hydroxide, calcium silicate and mica.